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FROM: COMJENUSFA, Vienna, Austria from Keyes cite PASGS

TO: AMEMBASSY, Moscow, Russia for USDEL, for Clark
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Austrian-Czechoslovak negotiations were held this week in Vienna on 6 frontier rectifications outlined in Czech memorandum presented to CFM London, together with a new seventh point concerning proposed power station near Lipno.

Above first stage of negotiations was completed March 14 after 4 days of satisfactory discussion of mutually agreeable atmosphere. Results are incorporated in protocol of that date which Austrian and Czech negotiators will now submit to their respective governments. Copy being sent to you by courier plane.

Tentative agreement was reached on all points presented to CFM except on the cession of territory:

- (1) South of the Danube and
- (2) West of the March, at the junction of Danube and March.

Austrian cabinet decided that while it wished to meet

Czech desires

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Czech desires to a reasonable extent, it could not agree cession of these fairly large areas of Austrian territory. Czechs then suggested alternative cession of much smaller area at river junction. Austrians * * * * *, for one reason because that would cut them off from access to the proposed Danube Oder Canal, but would be glad to have experts study every possible way in which the technical needs of Czechs for canal construction and maintenances be met on Austrian territory without changing sovereignty. Both delegations now contemplate doing this, subject to yield of Czech Government on protocol of March 14.

Latter includes statement by Austrian Delegation that is proceeding in effort to meet Czech desires on assumption that while negotiations continue * * * points Czech Government will refrain from raising them for international consideration, in particular in connection with the Austrian Treaty Conference, and that if Czech Government does so raise them, all six points should be considered as a whole and Austrian Government would not be bound on the concessions it had made on the four points already tentatively settled.

Decision of Czech Government whether to continue negotiations or raise question at Moscow is now being awaited. Meanwhile Chief Czech Negotiator, Fischer (* * * * *) has left Vienna to go to Prague and thence to Moscow.

* Being serviced.

Note: This message has been relayed to AMEMBASSY, Moscow,
Russia.

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